Opening of Super Computer Centres in Uttar Pradesh •

*287. KUMARI ALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open Super Comupter Centres in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether such a centre would bs set up at Faizabad in that State; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): to (c) There is n_0 proposal under consideration of the Government to open Super Computer in Uttar Pradesh. However, tfee Super Computer Cray X-MPJ14 at National Centre for Medium Range Wheather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Department Of Science & Technology, was installed in the campus of India Metrolo-logical Department, New Delhi in 1988 as an iterim measure. For the development of permanent campus for NCMRWF, Department of Science & Technology is negotiating with NOIDA Authorities, U. P. for getting the land. There is no proposal to set up such a Centre at Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh.

Funds Provided for the Development of Forests in West Bengal.

*2SS. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a' whether the West Bengal Government has been urging upon the Central Government to reiease funds fox forest development in the State but the same has not been given proper consideration;

(b) whether Government had provided any funds f^{or} development of forests and forestry in West Bengal during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

'(d) what further steps would be taken, in, this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Central Government have been providing funds to the States including West Bengal under various Centrally Sponsored schemes after proper consideration.

(b) and (c) Statement giving details of funds provided during the last three years is laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Funds will be made available on the basis of proposals of the State Gov ernments under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes subject to the availa bility of funds.

Statement

; *Details of Centra! Assistance provided to West Bengal for Forest Development during the period* 1987-88 *to* 1989-90 Re in Lakhs

SI.	Name of the Scheme	Central Assistance Provided		
		1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Rural Fuelwood Plantations	20. 00	53. 98	31. 67
2.	Silvipasture Development.	6. 75	16. 24	26. 06

	2	3	4	
3.	Area Oriented Fuelwood an Fodde Project.		12. 03	31, 65
4.	Operation Soil Watch	79. 74	79. 42	80. CO
5.	Integrated Wastelands Development Project			47. 94
6.	Aerial Seeding.			5. 37
7.	Minor Forest Produce		12. 65	31. 35
S.	Seed Development		6. 60	
9.	Decentralised People's Nurseries.	74. 65	101. 74	72. 15
10.	Forest Protection Force.		5. 655	4. 057
11.	Development of Sanctuaries.	5. 40	3. 035	8. 45
12.	Control of Poaching		1. 485	3. 54
33.	Wildlife Education and Interpretation	1. 50	0. 50	1. 955
14.	Captive Breeding and Rehabilitation of Endange red species	0. 75	0. 25	
15.	Project Tiger	40. 56	36. 97	57. 76
16.	Biosphere Reserve.		. 4	*22 M*
17.	Conservation of Mangroves in Sunderbans.			31. 30
18.	National Rural Employment Programme	910. 15	1065. 05	
19.	Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Pro-gramme.	462. 06	448. 60	
20.	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana.			1264. 9
21.	Drought Prone Area Programme	128. 98	130. 87	(Upto Sep. 89) 86. 38
22.	River Valley Projects	loopp*	100. 00*	100. 00*
23.	Flood Prone - Ganga Basin.	87. 50*	92. 50*	90. 00*

*Total allocation

Earth Day Celebrations

*289. SHRI RAM AWADHESH INGH; Will the iMnister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to fate:

(a) whether India observed the Earth)ay this year- if so, the aims and obiec-ves of the Earth Day;

(b) whether any specific positive pro-•cts|programmes have been undertaken y Government; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been xed for these programmes; if so, the etails thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The major objective of Earth Day, 1990 was to launch 1990-2000 a_s the decade of en. vironmental activism all over the world reflecting that major environmental threats are global in scope.

(b) The Ministry activised $_a$ ^{ar}8e number of Central and State Government Departments, NGOs, professional bodies, educational institutions etc. to organise suitable activities such as tree plantation, telecasting $_0$f films, seminars, padayatras,